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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: T. Ho
Satoru WAKAO, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2132
Application No.: 09/521,424	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1497
Filed: March 8, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	December 11, 2006
AND IMAGE PROCESSING	:	
METHOD	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, please amend the application as indicated below.